Covington Church of Christ
1690 Highway 51 South – PO Box 9
Covington, TN 38019

Schedule of Services
SUNDAY
Bible Classes 9:00AM
Worship 10:00AM & 5:30PM

WEDNESDAY
Bible Classes 7:00 PM

SERVING THIS WEEK: 11/8/26 AM Worship Service

Announcements *(ALL services):*	Brad Evins
Song Leader *(Sunday services):*	Jimmy McMahan
Opening Prayer:	Craig Robinson
Sermon:	Josh Manning
Closing Prayer:	Brandon Matlock

Presiding Over the Lord's Table:
Head: Jerry Gatlin
Jeff Hanks, Logan Wall, Clint Smith, Chris Maness
Reid McMahan, Myles Benjamin, Matt Moody, Chris Huggins

***Attendance Card Collectors* (11/8)**
Eli Charnock, Noah Charnock, August Charnock

November Door Greeters:
Main Lobby Entrance: Robert & Debra Brownlee
Auditorium Entrance: Ron & Judy Teems

***Lobby Management* (11/8)**
Security: Brandon Hanks
Worship Coordinator: Bruce Hazlerig
Welcome Desk/Lobby Service: Jeff Coughlan
Nursery Worker: Brandy Brown

***Bus Driver* (11/8 & 11/11)**
Luke McMahan

PM Worship Service

Opening Prayer:	Ken Bringle Jr.
Sermon:	Josh Manning
Closing Prayer:	Clint Stacks

Mid-Week Service: November 11

Song Leader:	Drew Kinningham
Devotional Thought:	David Keith
Closing Prayer:	Beau Phillips

Attendance

Sunday Bible Class	148
Worship AM	214
PM	111
Wednesday Bible Study	145

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Tommie Young	Covington, TN
Larry Pence	Covington, TN
Kathy Friend	Covington, TN
Benjamin King	Covington, TN
Blake & Melea Westmoreland	Madison, AL
Cyril & Jamie Roethlisberg	Atoka, TN

Elder on call for November: David Keith

Covington
CHURCH OF CHRIST

Serving Our Community for the Glory of God

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Covington Family News
November 8, 2026



Motivational Message

"Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive. Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones. And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them. So Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he and his father's household. And Joseph lived one hundred and ten years" (Genesis 50:19–22).

In I Peter 2, Peter called Christians to be submissive to the authority of their temporal rulers (i.e. "accept the authority of every human institution" NRSV). That call to live beneath the authority of governing institutions begins a larger discussion in I Peter about how we are supposed to embody the servant attitude of Jesus in every aspect of life. It builds on a point made earlier in the book that we are children of God whose lives should demonstrate that beautiful reality and relationship: "*Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; for it is written, 'You shall be holy, for I am holy'"* (I Peter 1:14–16).

As God's children we should be used to the practice of putting our will beneath the greater will of God and acting according to the authority of our Father. However, it is not always the case that we naturally conform to the will of God. So, to aid us in becoming "obedient children," God uses the relationships that naturally occur in the world around us to lead us into the character of humility. In the Old Testament, this principle plays out vividly in the story of Joseph. When we are introduced to Joseph in Genesis 37, he is the favorite son of his father in a family characterized by disfunction. Favoritism, resentment, and hatred are tearing this family apart. But God leads Joseph, a young man seemingly destined to become a spoiled brat, on a journey that will temper his pride and mold him into a man capable of great generosity, willing to extend incredible forgiveness.

In a strange turn of events, God leads Joseph into Egypt—a biblical nation we naturally associate with tyranny and oppression. However, in this story, the government of Egypt is an institution in which Joseph himself will heavily participate in order to bless the world around him. It is fitting that in Genesis (a book of beginnings) we see an image of government that is good. Joseph's story illustrates that when people of faith participate in the events of the world around them, God is able to accomplish great things.

Josh

News You Need

PRAYER LIST

Joyce Scott – began chemo treatments
Betty Meredith – Myra Ellis' sister-in-law; heart problems

Members with ongoing needs: Alan Otts, Heath Billings, Judy Merritt, Hope Collins, Pat Gatlin, Larry Coughlan, Katie Merritt, Donna Sonwineski, Paulette Watkins, Larry Whaley II, Jimmy Willis

Loved ones to remember: Kathy Townsend, many who are battling cancer, Jason Elliott

NURSING HOME

Covington Care**:** Shirley Laxton, Cynthia Wilson

MILITARY

Noah Liles, Tanner Mason, Chris Nowak, Parker Speight, Isaac Stewart

SYMPATHY

Our deepest condolences go out to David Foshee in the loss of his aunt, *Johnnie Leatherwood*.

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Sign up on the church Facebook page to attend the Wednesday night fellowship meal. If you are interested in preparing the main dish for any Wednesday night meal, please see Becky Evins for details.

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Area-Wide Singing Night & Dessert Fellowship
Saturday, November 14
@6:00 here at Covington

Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER

5- Seasoned Souls lunch; bus leaves at 10:30 for the Grecian Steakhouse in Dyersburg
9 – Monday Night for the Master, group 2
14 – Area Wide Singing and Dessert Potluck; 6:00
15 – Devo @Covington Care; 3:00
16 – Monday Night for the Master, group 3
21 – Birthday Party @Magnolia Creek; 2:00
24 – Thanksgiving Devotional; *Tuesday* @7:00
29 – Fifth Sunday Schedule; *"Thankful For You"* lunch
30– Monday Night for the Master, group 4

YOUTH



8 – Camp Fire Singing
21 – A Day at the Park, Fort Pillow
29 – Devo Day; bring sack dinner and old clothes



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BIRTHDAYS: November 8 – 14

11/9 – Faye Shankle
11/10 – Debbie Otts
11/11 – Brock McMahan
11/12 – Frank Brown
11/13 – Heath Hoffman
11/14 – Joyce Finto



ANNIVERSARIES: November 8 – 14

11/9 – Chris & Trudy Max

Happy belated anniversary to Ron & Judy Teems (11/3)

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Ladies' Bible Class – Tuesday @10:00AM
and
Men's Breakfast – Wednesday @5:30AM

Carpenter's Apprentice

She was cute and quick to laugh out loud and even quicker to smile; finding joy in the little things of life. He was ruddy, younger, and often the object of her smiles as he picked his way clumsily through the mine field of social graces. Her laughter and the gentle love in her eyes softened the faux pas as he endlessly blundered through greetings and conversation. Her love, unconditional, as it should be for a little brother and big sister. There were things going on - things they could not control, things impacting their lives and making them different. They didn't have what 'everyone' else had; smart phones, cars, clothes for every occasion, toys … their own room, three meals a day, the security of a place most would call home. Yet, while somewhat reserved, they seemed confidant and comfortable and maybe even convinced their 'situation' was temporary and thus nothing to be overly concerned with and certainly nothing to pout, whine, or constantly complain about. They showed no signs of entitlement, self-pity, or the expectation of help from outside. In the eyes of nearly everyone I know, these two had nothing: no reason for hope, no real sign of change in the near future, and, given the circumstances, no chance for a future. Yet there was a difference in them; a stark contrast between the 'haves' and the 'have nots.' Questions began to arise in my mind, and the answers made total sense biblically, but no sense anywhere else. How could two kids who have absolutely nothing appear to be so happy and joyful while families who have absolutely everything appear to be so discontented and joyless? Well, we've gotten our wires crossed.

All my life I've been told happiness is not found in what you have. But happiness **is** found in what you have – if what you have is the right thing. The right thing that brings about happiness is love. It's the only explanation for why the two kids I met were happier with nothing than many kids I know who have everything. When I met the mother, I understood. I witnessed her love for her children. It was all she had to give them. I am not suggesting we who are wealthy don't love our children, but we must ask ourselves, have we put too much emphasis in the wrong place? Have we allowed Satan to define what constitutes love? God is love (I John 4:8) but this family does not "know" God. I am not judging or condemning, just being truthful about the fruit. Still, they seem to have figured out love better than most. So how can it be that we who "know" God, seem to struggle so much with happiness? In all of our striving to be the best or meet earthly standards, when do we pause to just enjoy what we have been blessed with? I saw a beautiful front porch the other day and realized I have never seen anyone on it. The Psalmist wrote, "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10). Be still and be blessed.

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